

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA

CHIEF HEARING OFFICER DIRECTIVE

DOCKET NO. 2021-1-E ORDER NO. 2021-63-H

MAY 19, 2021

CHIEF HEARING OFFICER: David Butler

DOCKET DESCRIPTION:

Annual Review of Base Rates for Fuel Costs of Duke Energy Progress, LLC (For Potential Increase or Decrease in Fuel Adjustment or Gas Adjustment)

MATTER UNDER CONSIDERATION:

Request to Extend Notice Date for Order of Witnesses to Be Presented and to Provide Other Information

CHIEF HEARING OFFICER'S ACTION:

This matter comes before the Chief Hearing Officer on the request of Duke Energy Progress, LLC ("DEP" or "the Company"). The Company notes the following language in the Commission Clerk's Notice of Hearing and Prefile Testimony of December 14, 2020:

***On or before 5/27/2021, please provide the order of witnesses to be presented during the hearing, whether there is an objection to taking direct and rebuttal or surrebuttal testimony together during the hearing, and whether or not there is a desire to use panels of witnesses. ***

The Company notes that under the Notice of Hearing and Prefile Testimony, intervenor direct testimony is due to be filed on May 25, 2021, and Company rebuttal testimony is due to be filed on June 1, 2021. Accordingly, the Company states that it does not expect to be in a position to inform the Commission of its witness order, or whether it will be amenable to consolidating the presentation of direct and rebuttal testimony, until June 1, 2021.

Therefore, the Company requests that it be permitted to provide its order of witnesses on or before June 1, 2021. Although not stated, this Hearing Officer is assuming from the other language in the request, that the Company is also requesting the same extension to provide the answer to the inquiry regarding taking direct and rebuttal testimony together at the hearing.

The request is reasonable in these circumstances. For this reason, the request for an extension is granted for the Company to provide its order of witnesses, and to answer the question as to whether it will be amenable to consolidating the presentation of direct and rebuttal testimony at the hearing. However, the date is hereby extended to June 3, 2021. Further, the June 3, 2021 deadline is hereby extended to all other parties to provide order

of witnesses and to answer the inquiry as to whether or not they are amenable to consolidating the presentation of direct and surrebuttal testimony (if any) at the hearing.

This ends the Chief Hearing Officer's Directive.